ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಎನ್. ಕೆಂಗೇಗೌಡ.—ಬೆಲ್‌ಗ್ರೇಡ್ ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನಕ್ಕೆ ಇದಂಥ ಇವರುಗಳು ಸ್ವಿಜ್ಜರ್‌ಲೆಂಡ್ ಮುಂತಾದ ದೇಶಗಳಿಗೂ ಸಹ ಹೋಗಿ ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅಂದರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಖರ್ಚಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆಲ್ಲಾ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದಾರೇ ಹೇಗೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕು ?

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY.—That is covered under the programme of study tour and it is ancillary to this particular conference.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಗಂಗಣ್ಣ.—ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ೩ ಜನ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಡಲಾಗಿತ್ತು ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅಂದರೆ ಇಷ್ಟೇ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂಬ ನಿಯಮ ಏನಾದರು ಇತ್ತೇ ಹೇಗೆ ? ಮತ್ತು ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ವರ್ಗದ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಡದೆ ತಾರತಮ್ಯ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಬೆಲ್‌ಗ್ರೇಡ್‌ನವರು ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ವರ್ಗದವರನ್ನೇ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಡಿ ಎಂದು ಕೇಳುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. They do not go to that extent. They only require the delegates from the country.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್. ಅರಕೇರಿ.—ಈ ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋದ ಕೆಲವರು ಆಕ್ಸಿಡೆಂಟ್‌ಗೆ ತುತ್ತಾದರು. ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಪರಿಹಾರ ಏನಾದರು ಕೊಡಲಾಯಿತೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವೀರಪ್ಪಮೊಯ್ಲಿ.—ಆಕ್ಸಿಡೆಂಟ್ ಆಗಿದ್ದು ನಿಜ. ಆದರೆ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ವಿಚಾರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ.

Reserve Forst area near Kankumbi Village in Khanapur Taluk

175 SRI N. B. SIRDESAI (Khanapur).—Will the Minister for Forest and Mines and Geology be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a reserved forest area near Kankumb Village in Khanapur Taluk ;

(b) if so, the acreage under reserved and unreserved forest area ;

(c) the total income per year from the sale proceeds of forest produce and sale of coupes ;

(d) whether illict cutting and looting of all types of fire wood, timber, sandalwood and other forest produce is going on in that area ;

(e) if so, the extent of area on each item like firewood, timber and other forest material (Details on each item) ?

SRI G. MADE GOWDA (Minister for Forest and Mines and Geology.—

(a) Yes.

(b) (i) Reserved forest-20,778 hectares.

(ii) Unreserved forest-Nil.

(c) Total income per year from the sale of forest produce is Rs. 1,33,394/-. No coupe working is taken up in this area as

Kankumbi comes under protected circle under the working plan and as this is an important catchment of Malaprabha river.

(d) Illicit cutting of trees by shifting cultivators has been observed. There is no sandalwood in the area.

(e) The total area encroached is about 253.61 hectares in which occasional felling of trees for firewood or for timber purposes have been observed.

SRI N.B. SIRDESAI.—May I know from the Government as to whether they are aware of the fact that in-credible and irresponsible information is being supplied by the dedartmental officers to the Government and that is why the villagers of that side approached the Government through a petition and the Committee on Petitions expressed its desire to refer the matter to the Vigilance Commission or the C.O.D. for conducting probe and the Committee also expressed its desire to conduct the spot inspection of that area?

SRI G. MADE GOWDA.—That information is not available.

SRI N.B. SIRDESAI.—May I know as to whether the Government is aware of the fact that there are fault survey numbers surrounding the Government forest area for which the Government officers have granted permission to cut and remove the forest produce with the result that the encroachment has been caused ?

SRI G. MADEGOWDA.—Sir, as the Hon'ble Member is aware there is un-authorised cultivation which is in practice. This year, they have cultivated in about 253 acres and removed the Timber. We have seized that timber and we have booked cases against 30 persons and the materials worth Rs. 1,33,394/-have been seized. The officers who were involved have been suspended. So, so far as the department is concerned, we have taken all actions.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI.—May I know as to whether the Government came to now about this after the encroachment is caused in that area or after I put this L.A. question ?

SRI G. MADEGOWDA.—As stated by me already, this is a practice going on since a long time. As soon as it was noticed by the department, we took immediate action.

MR. SPEAKER.—The question of the Hon'ble Member is as to whether the Department took action after the question was put or prior to tabling of the question.

SRI G. MADEGOWDA.—That information is not available.

SRI N.B. SIRDESAI.—Sir, I am sorry to give my remarks that the Government is conniving with the corrupt officers and supporting them and that is why the Government has incurred heavy loss.

SRI G. MADEGOWDA.—Sir, I am sorry for kind of remarks. If the Government were to support them, we would have not taken any action on the officers and we would have not taken steps for registration of cases.

SRI N.B. SIRDESAI.—Why the Government has taken action against the lowest officers and not against the higher officers who were responsible for these losses ? It was the bounden duty of the higher officers to inspect the area and to check the irregularities.

SRI G. MADEGOWDA.—We cannot ask the Conservators of Forest or the Chief Conservator of Forest to go and inspect the areas every time. They will be in headquarters and they will have their own responsibilities. We can take action only on the officers who will be present on the spot and so we have taken action against them.

Completion of Ingla Tank in Periyapatana Taluk

229 SRI K. S. KALAMARI GOWDA (Periyapatna).—Will the Minister for Transport and Minor, Irrigation be pleased to state.—

(a) the expenditure incurred for the embankment of Ingla tank in Periypatna taluk ;

(b) the extent of land that could be irrigated from this tank ;

(c) whether work of this tank is being carried out ;

(d) if not, the reasons for the same ?

SRI M. M. J. SADYOJATHA (Minister for Transport and Minor Irrigation).—

(a) A sum of Rs. 16,56,000 has been spent so far.

(b) 900 acres.

(c) No

(d) The flood-gate which is open now may have to be closed. If this is closed, plants and trees of the forest area and the forest lands which are now under cultivation (lands without little deeds) will be submerged with water, Therefore, sanction is accorded for seeking approval of Forest Department for deforestation of the Plants and trees of the Forest. Next Course of action is under consideration of Government.